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**Cc:** Young, Nestor[Young.Nestor@epa.gov]; Taylor, Dawn[Taylor.Dawn@epa.gov]; Hill, Franklin[Hill.Franklin@epa.gov]; Chaffins, Randall[Chaffins.Randall@epa.gov]  
**From:** Crowley, Jeffery  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 7:33:54 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

There are no new investigations scheduled at Henry's Knob. We will be starting some Interim Measures (vegetative cover on tailings ponds) later this month as well as some dam improvement measures later this year.

**Jeffery J. Crowley | Remedial Project Manager**

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

**From:** Rigger, Don  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 3:01 PM  
**To:** Carr, Lofton; Teichert, Candice; Crowley, Jeffery; Zeller, Craig  
**Cc:** Young, Nestor; Taylor, Dawn; Hill, Franklin; Chaffins, Randall  
**Subject:** FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

RPMs – please read the message from Administrator McCarthy at the end of this string of emails. As you will see in the highlighted passage, we are being instructed to cease investigatory work at mining sites. I am not aware of any such work going on at any of our 5 mining sites right now. Please confirm this is correct (reply to all). Also, please let me know if any mobilizations are planned in the next few months for investigatory work (reply to all). Please reply by 4:15 today. Thanks,

Don

**From:** Chaffins, Randall  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 2:10 PM  
**To:** Hill, Franklin; Rigger, Don

**Subject:** Fwd: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Giacalone, Kristin" <[Giacalone.Kristin@epa.gov](mailto:Giacalone.Kristin@epa.gov)>

**Date:** August 12, 2015 at 11:06:51 AM PDT

**To:** "Chaffins, Randall" <[Chaffins.Randall@epa.gov](mailto:Chaffins.Randall@epa.gov)>

**Subject: FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments**

Here you go

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**From:** Woolford, James

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:17 PM

**To:** Stalcup, Dana; Mahmud, Shahid; Cooke, Maryt; Bertrand, Charlotte; Barmakian, Nancy; Mugdan, Walter; Rodrigues, Cecil; Hill, Franklin; Giacalone, Kristin; Karl,

Richard; Edlund, Carl; Peterson, Mary; Hestmark, Martin; Manzanilla, Enrique; Albright, Rick; Ammon, Doug; Fitz-James, Schatzi; Mackey, Cyndy; Michaud, John; Wells, Suzanne; Scozzafava, MichaelE; Jeng, Richard; Flaks, Art; Jennings, Robert; Heimerman, Jeffrey; Greenberg, Marc; Valdes, Dennisses; Barr, Pamela

**Subject:** FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

DDs - Per voice mails.

Others FYI

Jim Woolford, Director  
Office of Superfund Remediation & Technology Innovation  
US EPA

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**From:** Stanislaus, Mathy  
**Sent:** 8/12/2015 1:08 PM  
**To:** Woolford, James; Cheatham, Reggie; Tulis, Dana; Breen, Barry; Natarajan, Nitin  
**Subject:** FW: Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

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**From:** Administrator/Ex. 6  
**Sent:** 8/12/2015 11:51 AM  
**To:** Blumenfeld, Jared; Curry, Ron; Enck, Judith; Garvin, Shawn; Hague, Mark; Hedman, Susan; McGrath, Shaun; McLerran, Dennis; McTeerToney, Heather; Spalding, Curt  
**Cc:** Fritz, Matthew; Stanislaus, Mathy  
**Subject:** Cessation of Mining Site Assessments

Good morning everyone,

*While we continue to investigate the root causes of last week's release of mining waste at the Gold King Mine in Colorado, we are instructing our Regions to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. We are in the process of initiating an independent assessment by a sister federal agency or another external entity to examine the factors that led to last week's incident. Based on the outcome from that assessment, we will determine what actions may*

*be necessary to avoid similar incidents at other sites. While we stand down on existing field investigations and assessments at these mining sites, we also are instructing our Regions to identify existing sites with similarities to the Gold King Mine site and to identify any immediate threats and consider appropriate response actions.*

*If you have questions or wish to discuss a particular situation please reach out to Mathy.*

*Thank you.*